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25 September 1956

GROUP ON SOVIET ARCTIC INTELLIGENCE

Minutes of Meeting Held in Room 2318 "M" on 25 September 1956

PRESENT:

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APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

25X1X7 Action: The minutes of the last meeting, 25 September 1956, were approved as written.

CONTINUATION OF DISCUSSION OF ITEMS ON AGENDA FOR OTTAWA CONFERENCE

A. DUPLICATION, OVERLAP, AND NON-COVERAGE FOUND IN THE ARCTIC ACTIVITIES

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1. Discussion: OSI reported that no identifiable areas of duplication or overlap exist except in reporting Soviet expeditionary efforts. OCI stated that, inasmuch as they do not conduct research, they have no knowledge of duplication, overlap, or non-coverage. OHR, Geographic Area, indicated that duplication is no problem in their field because 25X1C8e does little or no geographic research. OHR, Economic Area, included their comments on duplication in the attached statement which was read to the group.

2. Action: The group agreed that the report of each office be included in a final statement of suggestions for the Ottawa conference.

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B. MUTUAL UNDERSTANDING ON CONTEMPLATED FUTURE EFFORTS

1. Discussion: Each office representative reviewed their respective contemplated future efforts as set forth in previous memoranda and in the attached statement prepared by OIR, Economic Area.

2. Action: The group agreed that the report of each office be included in a final statement of suggestions [REDACTED]

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C. RELATIVE VALUE OF VARIOUS CATEGORIES OF SOURCE MATERIAL

1. Discussion: The representatives of each office described the degrees to which special material was used in research by their respective units.

2. Action: The group agreed that the report of each office be included in a final statement of suggestions [REDACTED]

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PREPARATION OF FINAL STATEMENT OF SUGGESTIONS FOR [REDACTED]

1. Discussion: The need for the preparation of a final statement was discussed.

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2. Action: [REDACTED] were elected to prepare the final statement.

NEXT MEETING

1. Action: It was agreed to hold the next meeting on 1 October 1956 in Room 2318 "W" at 1400 hours.

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GROUP ON SOVIET ARCTIC INTELLIGENCE

Minutes of Meeting Held in Room 2318 "M" on 13 September 1956

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DISCUSSION OF THE ORGANIZATION OF WORK ON THE SOVIET ARCTIC AND THE SPECIFIC INTERESTS OF THE VARIOUS ID/I COMPONENTS CONCERNED

1. Discussion: The organization of research and intelligence production on the Soviet Arctic in the DD/Area, as described in the chart distributed prior to the meeting, was discussed. The representatives of the various shops explained their specific interests in the field. The representatives of OCI pointed out that their interests differed from those of the other Offices since their Office is a consumer rather than a producer of intelligence. It needs a mechanism through which it could obtain immediately evaluation of and useful comments on spot reports from all interested CIA components. The only way in which OCI serves as a producer of Arctic intelligence for CIA is in its access to military information. Military Division, OCI, is the only CIA component which holds such information and has channels for obtaining it. OCI can thus fill gaps resulting from CIA's lack of coverage in these fields.

In view of the fact that the term "Soviet Arctic" is defined differently by the various shops concerned, it was suggested that the Arctic Group should begin its activities with the drafting of a definition which could be applied throughout the ID/I Area.

2. Action: D/GG/S (ORR) was requested and agreed to submit, prior to the next meeting, a definition of the term "Soviet Arctic" which all components of the ID/I Area could use.

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DISCUSSION OF THE QUESTION HOW THE DD/I AREA CAN BEST MARSHAL ITS RESOURCES TO OBTAIN BALANCED INTELLIGENCE ON THE SOVIET ARCTIC AND TO CORRECT DEFICIENCIES

1. Discussion: The meeting entered into a discussion of the following specific questions: Exchange of information; lateral notification of the status of work in progress, feasibility of cooperative effort on certain problems; methods for recognizing deficiencies that can be corrected by work in the DD/I Area; and the type of mechanism by which these questions could be most appropriately answered.

2. Action: It was agreed (1) that the Group should examine the present and contemplated programs of intelligence research and production in the DD/I components, discover and remove gaps in operation and planning, and act as a central agency facilitating the work of the various shops, (2) that, to facilitate the performance of these tasks, one person designated by the Group should be available as a "clearing house" for exchange of information and handling of requests by interested persons, and (3) that the Group should work out methods to correct deficiencies discovered in its survey of the state of Soviet Arctic intelligence, research, and planning. There was general agreement that the discussion of further details should be postponed and the proposed agenda for the meeting [REDACTED] on 4 and 5 October be taken up first.

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25X1A9a. Discussion: [REDACTED] read the proposed agenda to the participants. The ensuing discussion was focused on the question of intelligence objectives in the Soviet Arctic and definition of the area.

2. Action: To give the Group members more time to think about the suggested items on the agenda, it was agreed to continue the discussion at the next meeting.

NEXT MEETING

Action: It was agreed to hold the next meeting on 19 September 1956 in Room 2318 "M" at 1000 hours.

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18 September 1956

GROUP ON SOVIET ARCTIC INTELLIGENCE

Minutes of Meeting Held in Room 2318 "M" on 18 September 1956

PRESENT:

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APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

1. Action: The minutes of the last meeting, 13 September 1956, were approved as written.

DEFINITION OF THE TERM "SOVIET ARCTIC"

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1. Discussion: [REDACTED] read the following suggested geographic definition of the term Soviet Arctic:

"On the basis of DDI intelligence interests, the general area of the Soviet Arctic includes all territory lying north of 60°N. latitude. This region not only comprises a sizeable area of Siberia and north European USSR, but includes all islands and seas of the Arctic Basin between 32°4'35" E. longitude and 168°49'30"W. longitude. Although this vast territory includes some areas where natural conditions are not strictly Arctic, it best represents the region in which activities of an Arctic nature are largely concentrated. Where expedient, micro-geographic areas not a part of the major territory, or transitional areas adjacent to the territory may be included to form a functional unit."

2. Action: It was agreed that the definition be used as a guide in the work of the DDI area [REDACTED]

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A. INTELLIGENCE OBJECTIVES

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1. Discussion: [REDACTED] proposed the following definition of our intelligence objectives in research on the Soviet Arctic:

"To determine Soviet capabilities, intentions, and activities in the Arctic regions as related to scientific study, economic development, and military operations."

This suggestion was discussed.

2. Action: It was agreed that the DDI group should use this definition as a guide [REDACTED] 25X1X7□

B. DUPLICATION, OVERLAP, AND NON-COVERAGE FOUND IN THE ARCTIC ACTIVITIES OF CIA [REDACTED] 25X1C8e

1. Discussion: Experience regarding these problems was discussed.

2. Action: It was agreed that each office represented would prepare a statement on this topic that could be used in preparing the discussion [REDACTED] 25X1X7□

C. MUTUAL UNDERSTANDING ON CONTEMPLATED FUTURE EFFORTS

1. Discussion: The group discussed contemplated future efforts of each office in intelligence on the Soviet Arctic.

2. Action: It was agreed that each office will prepare a list of contemplated future projects for discussion at the next meeting.

NEXT MEETING

1. Action: It was agreed to hold the next meeting on 25 September 1956 in Room 2318 "M" at 1400 hours.

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1 October 1956

GROUP ON SOVIET ARCTIC INTELLIGENCE

Minutes of Meeting Held in Room 2318, "WM" on 1 October 1956

PRESENT:

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APPROVAL OF MINUTES

1. Action: The minutes of the last meeting, 25 September 1956, were approved as written.

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REPORT ON SUGGESTIONS

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1. Discussion: The report on suggestions was discussed. The representative of OOI requested a change in the statement of OOI intelligence objectives.

2. Action: The report was approved as amended, and copies distributed.

PROBLEMS OF THE DDI AREA

1. Discussion: The Group resumed the discussion of internal DDI problems. It was noted that a definition of the term "Soviet Arctic" had been adopted on 18 September, and that general agreement had been reached on the need for exchange of information, for lateral notification of the status of work in progress, for cooperative effort on certain problems, for methods for recognizing deficiencies in the intelligence effort in the DD/I area, and for a mechanism by which these problems could most appropriately be solved. It was pointed out that a system of central filing had been approved, although no details had been discussed, and that a general survey of existing and contemplated intelligence

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efforts had been suggested, and in part completed through the preparation of reports [REDACTED]

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2. Action: It was agreed that the members of the Group should prepare themselves for a discussion of the various internal problems which had originally been assigned to them for solution and present their views in detail at the next meeting.

NEXT MEETING

1. Action: It was agreed to hold the next meeting on 10 October 1956 at 10:00 in Room 2318 M.

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10 October 1956

GROUP ON SOVIET ARCTIC INTELLIGENCE

Minutes of Meeting Held in Room 2318, "M" on 10 October 1956

PRESENT: 25X1A9a

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

1. Action: The minutes of the last meeting, 1 October 1956, were approved as written.

SUGGESTIONS REGARDING THE SOLUTION OF PROBLEMS OF THE DD/I AREA

1. Discussion: The chairman read the agreements, arrived at in the meeting on 13 September, regarding the question how the DD/I Area can best marshal its resources to obtain balanced intelligence on the Soviet Arctic and to correct deficiencies (AC-M-1). He suggested, with reference to the agreement reached in the last meeting (AC-M-4) that the Group make and discuss recommendations for implementation of the agreements of 13 September. [REDACTED] 25X1A9a

25X1A9a [REDACTED] D/GG/S, ORR) suggested rather to resume the discussion of the over-all objective of the DD/I Area in Soviet Arctic intelligence, the objectives, organization, and working methods of DD/I components engaged in Soviet Arctic Intelligence, and some related matters.

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2. Action: The matters suggested by [REDACTED] were discussed.

ORGANIZATION OF SOVIET ARCTIC INTELLIGENCE IN THE DD/I AREA AND PERTINENT INTERESTS AND ACTIVITIES OF OCI, ORR, OSI AND THEIR COMPONENTS

25X1A9a 1. Discussion: [REDACTED] (IPSt, OSI) recapitulated the intelligence objectives of the DD/I Area and of OSI and described the working methods of various OSI components as well as their significance in intelligence research on the Soviet Arctic. [REDACTED] (S/OM, ORR)

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did the same with regard to the Economic Research Area of ORR. [REDACTED] (B/NAV, OCI) re-stated the mission and activities of OCI, pointing out that his Office, as contrasted with the other Offices represented in the Group on Soviet Arctic Intelligence, is not engaged in research of its own. [REDACTED] (D/CG/S, ORR) suggested, because of the late hour, to continue this discussion at the next meeting. 25X1A9a

2. Action: The majority agreed that the discussion should be continued at the next meeting.

NEXT MEETING

1. Action: It was agreed to meet on 16 October 1956 at 9:30 A.M. in Room 2318, "M" Building.

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7 December 1956

GROUP ON SOVIET ARCTIC INTELLIGENCE

Minutes of Meeting Held in Room 2226, "M" on 7 December 1956

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APPROVAL OF MINUTES

1. Action: The minutes of the last meeting, 10 October 1956, were approved as written.

CONTINUATION OF THE DISCUSSION OF ORGANIZATION OF SOVIET ARCTIC INTELLIGENCE IN THE DD/I AREA AND PERTINENT INTERESTS AND ACTIVITIES OF OCI, OHR, OSI, AND THEIR COMPONENTS

25X1A9a Discussion: [REDACTED] explained in detail the organization and operation of the Geographic Research Area and the products for which the area is responsible, and answered questions regarding this subject.

REPORT ON THE ARCTIC COMMITTEE AT ANOTHER INTELLIGENCE AGENCY

25X1A9a Discussion: [REDACTED] reported on his visit with the chairman of the Arctic committee at another Intelligence Agency, the reasons for its formation, the tasks which it has assumed, its long-run operational program, and its achievements thus far.

REPORT ON COMMUNICATIONS RECEIVED AFTER THE LAST MEETING AND ON THE STATE OF THE GROUP'S COMPLIANCE WITH ITS ASSIGNMENT

25X1A9a 1. Discussion: [REDACTED] reviewed the activities of the Group since its establishment and gave an account of his discussions, after the last meeting, with representatives of the various DD/I components forming the Group. He reported, in particular, on the response of the various components to the suggestion of OSI to draft a list of major DD/I Arctic Intelligence problems, broken down according to priorities. He suggested the formation of two teams, one to work out an operational plan for a "clearing house for Soviet Arctic intelligence" on the basis of recommendations made by OSI, OCI, and

ERA representatives, the other to draft a DD/I list of priority Arctic objectives as suggested by OSI and seconded by GRA representatives. The matter was discussed and suggestions were made regarding the composition of the two teams.

2. Action: It was unanimously agreed to form the following teams:

(a) Clearing operation. [REDACTED]

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(ERA), and one member to be named by
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(b) DD/I list of priority objectives. [REDACTED]

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(ERA), and one member
to be named by OCI.

NEXT MEETING

Action: The chairman was authorized to call the next meeting after receipt of a report from one of the two teams.

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17 January 1957

GROUP ON SOVIET ARCTIC INTELLIGENCE

Minutes of Meeting Held in Room 1125, "M" on 17 January 1957

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APPROVAL OF MINUTES

1. Action: The minutes of the last meeting, 7 December 1956, were approved as written.

REPORTS ON CURRENT DEVELOPMENTS IN THE SOVIET ARCTIC

1. Discussion: [REDACTED] briefed 25X1A9a those present on Soviet long range Air Force Arctic operations up to January 1957.

2. Action: The participants in the meeting discussed with the three rapporteurs developments and intelligence problems involved in Soviet air activities in the Arctic and related matters.

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25 January 1957

GROUP ON SOVIET ARCTIC INTELLIGENCE

Minutes of Meeting Held in Room 1125, "M" on 25 January 1957

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APPROVAL OF MINUTES

1. Action: The minutes of the last meeting, 17 January 1957 (AC-M-7), were approved as written.

REPORTS ON CURRENT DEVELOPMENTS IN THE SOVIET ARCTIC

1. Discussion: [REDACTED] (OCI) reported on Soviet naval activities in the Soviet Arctic from World War II on. [REDACTED] (ERA, ORR) reported on Soviet Arctic merchant shipping and air transportation in 1956, and [REDACTED] (ERA, ORR) on river traffic in the same area during the same year. The reports were discussed with special emphasis on supply problems possibly caused by the unusually short 1956 shipping season on the Northern Sea Route.

2. Action: The discussion resulted in general agreement on the need for further examination of the supply situation in the Soviet Arctic.

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DEVELOPMENT OF AN ALL-PURPOSE RESEARCH MAP OF THE SOVIET ARCTIC

- 25X1A9a 1. Discussion: [REDACTED] (ERA, ORR) stated that a need existed for an all-purpose research map of the Soviet Arctic. He explained what type of a map was required in the kind of research done in ERA, ORR.
- 25X1A9a [REDACTED] (OCI) stated the pertinent requirements of their Office. [REDACTED] (OCI) stated that OSI 25X1A9a would go along with whatever decision would be reached. [REDACTED] 25X1A9a
- 25X1A9a [REDACTED] (GRA, ORR) explained the problems involved in preparing a map according to the wishes of OCI and ORR. The matter was discussed by all participants. 25X1A9a
2. Action: [REDACTED] (GRA, ORR) agreed to prepare, after further consultation with the interested DD/I components, a draft map for the next meeting.

NEW BUSINESS

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1. Discussion: [REDACTED] reported that McGill University will hold a Geography Summer School from 30 June to 9 August consisting of courses in Arctic geography and meteorology.
2. Action: The chairman will distribute thermofax copies of the schedule among the Group members.

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21 May 1957

GROUP ON SOVIET ARCTIC INTELLIGENCE

Minutes of Meeting Held in Room 1125, "WM" on 21 May 1957

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APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Action: The minutes of the last meeting, 25 February 1957 (AC-M-8) were approved as written.

REPORT ON THE ARCTIC INDOCTRINATION COURSE 25X1A9a

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Action: The report was given by [REDACTED] (OSI) in place of [REDACTED] (OSI) who could not attend the meeting. A discussion followed during which [REDACTED] answered various questions.

PROGRESS REPORT ON ALL-PURPOSE RESEARCH MAP OF THE SOVIET ARCTIC

1. Discussion: [REDACTED] (ORR) exhibited two NIS maps which will be the basis of the planned research map. He reported on his consultations with the DD/I components represented in the Group regarding their specific needs. OCI and OSI desire a map with little detail on it, while ORR would like to have more detail.
2. Action: The discussion resulted in general agreement that two base maps of the Soviet Arctic Area, as previously defined by the Group, are needed. (a) A briefing map, including only a minimum of detail, to be printed in two forms: a two sheet edition scaled to 5 million and a one sheet edition scaled to 8 million. (b) Another edition of the same map in which the political sub-division boundaries, railroad lines, administrative centers of the political sub-divisions and other selected towns and locations are added. It was further agreed that sample copies of the maps will be sent to all units represented in the Group for comments.

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REPORTS OF SUBCOMMITTEES

25X1A9a 1. Discussion: The report of the subcommittee on a DD/I list of priority objectives was made by [REDACTED] (OPR) in place of [REDACTED] (OSI) 25X1A9a subcommittee chairman. The subcommittee, as yet, has held only one meeting due to other commitments of the members. It will get together as soon as possible to terminate its work and draft its report to the Group. The report of the subcommittee on clearing house operation was submitted by [REDACTED] 25X1A9a 25X1A9a [REDACTED] (OPR) for its chairman, [REDACTED] who was also prevented 25X1A9a from attending the meeting. The recommendations suggested by this subcommittee are attached.

2. Action: The report of the subcommittee on clearing house operation was approved. After some discussion, it was agreed not to submit, at the present time, a progress report on the work of the Group. Prevailing opinion was that this matter should be tabled until a report was received from the other subcommittee.

NEW BUSINESS

The chairman was authorized to call a meeting after receipt of the report from the subcommittee on a DD/I list of priority objectives.

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RECOMMENDATIONS TO THE AD HOC GROUP ON SOVIET ARCTIC INTELLIGENCE

It is recommended:

1. That a single permanent DD/I Group on Soviet Arctic Intelligence be formed within the DD/I area, to consist of one principle representative each from OSI, OCI, ERA/RR and GRA/RR.

2. That one of the members of this Group shall act as its chairman. The chairmanship shall be rotated between ORR and OSI representatives periodically by mutual agreement.

3. That a list shall be prepared and thereafter be maintained on all projects completed or in process in the DD/I area, which deal exclusively or to a substantial extent with the Soviet Arctic, and that this list shall contain the following: (a) Project Designation (Number), (b) Classification, (c) Title, (d) Brief Description of Contents as far as the Soviet Arctic is concerned, (e) Acting Unit, (f) Author(s), (g) Due Date or Target Date, (h) Date of Submission, (i) Date of Publication or other end use, (j) Form of Publication or Place of Availability. Each of the members of the Group shall initially prepare a list of the projects completed or in process at his Office, or Area, with the above breakdowns, and send the master copy of its list to the chairman of the Group and a carbon copy to each other member. In order to keep these lists up to date at all times, each member shall notify immediately all other members and the Group Chairman of any new project or any change in the status of any project. The master list maintained by the chairman will be considered the official list of DD/I projects on the Soviet Arctic and will be available at all times to anyone inside or outside of the DD/I area.

4. In addition to the above the Group shall have the following functions:

a. An Office receiving a request for a research project or study which is primarily concerned with the Soviet Arctic and requires contributions from more than one DD/I Office, will normally notify the Chairman of the Group on Soviet Arctic Intelligence who, thereupon, shall have the duty to call a meeting of the Group and/or, upon request by the receiver of the assignment or upon his own motion, to take, in cooperation with the Offices or sub-units concerned, other steps required to facilitate and expedite compliance with the request.

b. The Office receiving the request shall be responsible for integrating contributions into a single DD/I product and for coordination within the DD/I area. Any other necessary coordination shall be accomplished by the appropriate contributing offices.

c. The Group will handle such other assignments on the Soviet Arctic as may be required.